# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have taken up a special programme named Indira Mahila Yojana at improving socio-economic status of women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of allocation made to Andhra Pradesh during the last 2 years and the extent to which the allocation was utilised; and

(d) the details of achievements made by the State during the period?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) Indira Mahila Yojana (IMY), which was being implemented in238 blocks in the country, has been recast in March 2001 as Swayamsidha.

(b) Swayamsidha is an integrated scheme for women's empowerment. It is based on the formation of women into Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and aims at the holistic empowerment ofwomen through awareness generation, economic empowerment and convergence of various schemes.

(c) In 2000-2001, an amount of Rs. 11.19 lakh was released and, in 2001-2002, Rs.16.00 lakh have been allowed to be utilized from the unspent balance available in the State under erstwhile IMY.

(d) The State Action Plan has been approved in December 2001.